

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**Completing the Rice Harvest*

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RELEASED: November 1, 1999 3:00 p.m.. . Temperatures in the state were above normal for most areas. Most areas were below normal precipitation for the month. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 25 percent very short, 43 percent short, 32 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing rice harvesting, harvesting cotton (some second pickings) and soybeans and planting wheat. Other activities included preparing land for the planting of annual forages, land leveling, liming pastures, bush hogging, fields were being subsoiled and plowed.

CROPS: All crop harvests were winding down as weather conditions remained excellent for the remaining crops. Winter wheat seeding was well underway with some spotty stands. Spraying fields and pastures for armyworms were reported in the state. Tree fruit harvest was winding down.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in fair condition. Many farmers were feeding supplemental hay early this year because of the drought like conditions. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, fall calving, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given vaccinations, producers were also planning for Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle. Fertilizer applications to pastures were also reported.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Mature	100	100	100					
Harvested	100	100	100					
COTTON				1	10	41	35	13
Harvested	94	89	79					
RICE								
Harvested	100	100	99					
SOYBEANS				11	18	29	31	11
Shedding	94	97	92					
Harvested	76	76	64					
CORN								
Harvested	100	100	100					
WHEAT				1	2	24	57	16
Planted	60	60	56					
Emerged	31	32	34					
ALFALFA				12	25	38	25	0
OTH. HAY				20	30	34	16	0
PASTURE				22	38	33	7	0

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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